

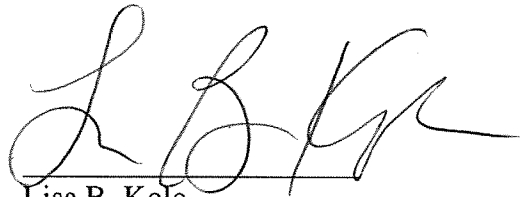
In response, Applicants elect, as species, SEQ ID NO:4, with traverse.

The basis for Applicants' traversal is that, because SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 6 and 8 differ by a single amino acid residue at position 164 (where SEQ ID NO:2 is the wild-type Cry protein and the sequence of the mutant of SEQ ID NO:2 having a leucine at position 164 is designated as SEQ ID NO:4, the sequence of the mutant of SEQ ID NO:2 having a phenylalanine at position 164 is designated as SEQ ID NO:6, and the sequence of the mutant of SEQ ID NO:2 having a glutamic acid at position 164 is designated as SEQ ID NO:8), there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to search these three species together.

Reconsideration of the revised species election requirement is earnestly requested.

Please charge any additional fee which may be due to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L B Kole', written over a horizontal line.

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